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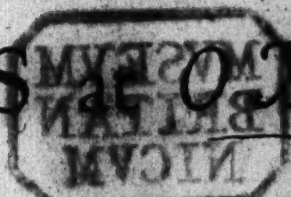
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The Vice-Chancellor, and the Mayor of Oxford's Letter, to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State.

My LORD,

WE think it Our Duty to acquaint Your Lordship, that last *Tuesday* Night between Eight and Nine of the Clock, a Bonfire was made in this Place, by some of the Officers of the Regiment Quartered here, and that the Soldiers being gathered together were encouraged to break the Windows thereabout, without any Provocation given by the Members, either of the University or the City; afterwards they proceeded to other Parts of the City and Suburbs, to the Terror of the Inhabitants, and in Defiance and Contempt of our Authority. That We might be able to give a full and particular Account of this Matter, We have taken the most material Informations in Writing, and upon Oath, and have sent true Copies of them to Your Lordship, to the end such Methods may be taken for bringing the Offenders to Punishment, and for preventing the like Disorders for the future, as Your Lordship in Your great Wisdom shall think most proper. And We humbly crave leave to assure Your Lordship, that We are with very great Respect,

My LORD,

Oxon. 4 Novemb.
1716.

Your Lordship's most Faithful and
Most Obedient Servants,

Jo. Baron Vice-Chancellor of Oxford.
Rich. Wile, Mayor.

*Mr. Rowney's Letter, to the Right Honourable
Mr. Secretary Methuen.*

Mr. SECRETARY,

IT is with great Concern I am oblig'd to give You any Trouble, but I should be wanting in my Duty to His Majesty, His Royal Highness the Prince, and to the Peace of the Kingdom, especially to the Peace of this Place, if I did not give You some short Account of the Tumults and Riots, raised and committed by some of

the Officers and Soldiers Quartered in this City, that they may be punished, in order to discountenance such Riots for the future.

This City hath been so unfortunate, to have had a whole Regiment of Foot Quarter'd here for upwards of Twelve Months, to the entire Ruin of several, and almost to the Ruin of many more who keep Publick Houses. But when I reflect on these Unhappy Circumstances, there is now One more that aggravates all, the very Peace and Quiet of this City broke and disturbed by those sent hither, (to be assisting to the Civil Magistrates) to see both preserved.

What a Condition must this Place be in? when the very Houses of the Inhabitants were begun to be demolished in the Sight, nay, by the Command of the Major (if the Affidavits say true.)

Our Magistrates endeavouring to suppress these Riotous Tumults raised by some of the Officers and Soldiers, were abused, beaten, wounded, shot at, and many of the Soldiers running up and down the Streets with their Swords drawn, breaking many Windows, and beating several of the Inhabitants, as by the Affidavits which the Magistrates have been three Days busie in taking, will more at large appear, and which they have sent to my Lord Townshend.

Being One of the Representatives of the City, I was desired to be at the Examination, and to give You this Account; but shall say nothing how I was insulted my self, before my own Door by the Soldiers.

The Magistrates will not be wanting in their Duty still to preserve the Peace of this Place, though they see what Danger they are in, when they are still threatned, and the Major of the Regiment glories in what he hath done, and only wishes more had been done. When You have read the Affidavits, I hope You will more readily excuse the Trouble given You,

Mr. SECRETARY,

by Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,

THO. ROWNEY.

I must do Justice to the Lieutenant-Colonel, who was lame and confined, did immediately send Orders, and shewed great Concern for the suppressing the Riots.

Oxford, November 3, 1716.

City of Oxon ff: The Information of Richard Boxley of Oxford, Barber, taken upon Oath the One and Thirtieth Day of October, Anno Dom. 1716, before Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor, and Sir Daniel Webb, Knt. Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.

I THIS Informant saith, That last Night he was at a Neighbour's House in the Northgate-street in Oxford aforesaid, and hearing a great Noise of Breaking of Windows, he went out, and when he came into the Street he saw a great many Soldiers throwing Stones at the Windows of Mr. Hurst the Ironmonger, being encouraged by an Officer of the Regiment, whose Name this Informant knoweth not, and after some time, a Gentleman, whom this Informant believes was the Major, said to them, *Come in, Boys, and drink, and then go out and do it again;* and accordingly they did go in with him, and when they came out again, the Major, pointing to Mr. Hurst's House, said to the Soldiers, *Down with that House, and I will see it out;* upon which they throw'd more Stones at Mr. Hurst's Windows, and then went up the Street, and afterwards into the High-Street, breaking Windows all the way they went, and afterwards came back to the Star for fresh Orders, as they pretended, and after they had stay'd there some little time, they went down the Northgate-street, and thro' the North-gate, breaking the Windows all the way they went, and beating some People.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno

supr. coram nobis,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Daniel Webb.

Richard Boxley.

The Information of Thomas Colloe of Oxford, Cordwainer, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That he was last Night standing by the Bonfire against the *Star-Inn* in this City, and there saw a great many Soldiers breaking Mr. *Hurst's* Windows, and while they were about it, one of the Lieutenants, whose Name this Informant believes is *Hambleton*, came out and lighted his Pipe at the Bonfire, and all the while looking upon them; and when he had lighted his Pipe, he walked over into the Lane next Mr. *Hurst's*, and the Soldiers followed him; but what he said to them this Informant knoweth not; but saith, That the Soldiers immediately went to gathering up of Stones, and then went up the Street, and down the High-Street, all the way breaking of Windows; And when they came near to Sir *Daniel Webb's* House, Sir *Daniel* overtook them, and ask'd them what they meant by making such a Disturbance? Whereupon they immediately fell swearing and cursing, and several of them struck him with their Sticks; and one *Fosby Magee*, a Corporal in the Colonel's Company (as this Informant is since told he is) drew his Sword, and held it against Sir *Daniel*: Whereupon this Informant told him Sir *Daniel* was a Justice of the Peace, and one of the Magistrates of the City: Upon which the said *Magee* curs'd Sir *Daniel*, and said, *He did not care what he was*, and further said, *He was a Rogue and a Rascal*. After which, they went over to Mr. Mayor's, and broke his Windows; and when Mr. Mayor came out to demand the Reason, several of them, and particularly the said *Magee*, came up to Mr. Mayor with their drawn Swords; and further saith, That Mr. Mayor went with his Mace, and accompany'd by Sir *Daniel Webb* to the Major at the *Star-Inn*, to complain of the Disorders by the Soldiers, and to desire his Assistance; and as they came away from him this Informant heard the Major say, *Go to the Devil like a parcel of Jacobites, or I will make you go.*

Cap. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

Thomas Colloe.

Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.

The Information of John Hurst, the Younger, of Oxford, Iron-monger, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid, before the Rev. John Baron, D. D. and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and other the Justices before named.

THIS Informant saith, That when they were lighting the Bonfire, last Night, against the *Star-Inn*, he, this Informant, shut up his Father's Shop-Window (the House being over-against the *Star*) and went in to his Work; and after a very little time, this Informant's Sister said, *She heard the Glass-Windows rattle*, which this Informant could not at first believe; but soon after this Informant heard it himself, and then went out to see who it was that broke the Windows; and when he came out, he saw the Major of the Regiment take up a Stone and brake the Windows with it; upon which this Informant said, Sir, *I will take a Note of your Name*; whereupon the Major drew his Sword, and ran after this Informant, and said, *Damn you, will you take Notice of Names?* But this Informant ran into his Father's House, and lock'd the Door before the Major could overtake him; but they still continu'd breaking the Windows, which, after some time, provok'd this Informant to go out again, and then he saw the Major throw a Fire-Stick from the Bonfire at his Father's Windows, and did at the same time likewise see the Tapster at the *Star-Inn*, and one *Edward West*, the Under-Tapster, throw Firesticks at, and broke the said Windows; and further saith, they broke a great deal of *China-Ware*, and that one of the Fire-sticks hung in the Window-Curtain, and that there was no Person in the House but this Informant's Mother, his two Sisters, and himself, that Night; and that none of them were upon the Leads, or in the Spout, that Night.

Cap. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nob.

John Hurst, jun.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Chan.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.

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Civit. Oxon. ff. *The Information of William Clark of Oxford, Inn-holder, taken upon Oath the Thirty First Day of October, Anno Dom. 1716 before the Rev. John Baron, D. D. and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Richard Wise Esq; Mayor of the City of Oxford, William Wright, Esq; Recorder of the same City, Sir Daniel Webb, Knt. and James Pinnel, Alderman, Five of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.*

- 4 **T**HIS Informant saith, That last Night when the Bonfire was burning, against the *Star-Inn*, the Major of the Regiment came out of the said Inn, with his Sword drawn, and seeing the Wife of Mr. Hurst, the Iron-monger, at her Chamber-Window, he said to her, *God Damn you for a Bitch, if you don't light up Candles, and let them remain, I will pull your House down, and set it on Fire*, and then took up a Stone, and broke the Windows, and after that, one Thomas Walker, a Tapster, at the said *Star-Inn*, throw'd a Firestick at the said Windows: And further saith, That after the Soldiers had broke the Windows about the Town, the Major came by this Informant's House, and said, *God damn these Jacobite Rascals, we have made them suffer for it now.*

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

William Clark.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

The Information of Thomas Wyatt, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

- 5 **T**HIS Informant saith, That there being a great Disturbance in the Town, by the Soldiers, last Night, and Mr. Vice-Chancellor being inform'd of it, he went out to prevent any further Disturbances, and commanded this Informant to wait upon him with a Lanthorn and Candle; and when Mr. Vice-Chancellor came amongst the Elms against St. John's College, they heard a Pistol discharg'd, and very soon after a great many Soldiers came up to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and one of them ask'd him, *if he carry'd Fire-Arms?* Upon which Mr. Vice-Chancellor told them, *he came to keep the Peace*, and oftentimes required them in the King's Name to go about their Business; but they continu'd Hooping and Hallowing, and one of them struck the Lanthorn, in this Informant's Hand, with a great Stick, and very much bruised it, and beat out the Candle.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Thomas Wyatt.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

The Information of Thomas Langford, of the University of Oxford, Cook, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

- 6 **T**HIS Informant saith, That last Night he saw the Major of the Regiment, and Mr. Baker of Wadham-College, talking together, at the *Star-Inn-Gate* in Oxford, and the Soldiers gathered round them, with their Hats off, and after a little time the Soldiers shook their Hats over their Heads, and Huzza'd as they came from the Major, and Mr. Baker; but Mr. Baker follow'd them a little Way, and pointed to some Houses thereabouts, said, *There be no Candles there, nor there be no Candles there*, and thereupon the Soldiers threw Stones at Mr. Hurst's Windows, and then they went up the Street as far as the Conduit, and broke the Windows all the way up; and saith, that the Major, and Mr. Baker stood at the *Star-Gate*, all the while the Soldiers were breaking Mr. Hurst's Windows, and further saith, that

that the said Soldiers went from the Conduit as far as *All-Saint's Church*, and this Informant saw them break *Mr. Kiblewhite's Windows* as they went along.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Thomas Langford.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

*The Information of Francis Berry of the University of Oxford, Cook,
taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.*

THIS Informant saith, That when the Bonfire was burning, last Night, before the *Star-Inn*, the Major of the Regiment, and *Mr. Baker* of *Wadham-College*, were standing at the Gate of the said Inn, and this Informant saw *Mr. Baker* call several of the Soldiers to him, and clap them upon the Back, and as soon as they went from him, they fell to breaking *Mr. Hurst's Windows*, the Major and *Mr. Baker* still standing at the Gate, and looking upon them: And this Informant likewise saw three Soldiers break *Mr. Cole* the Glazier's Windows, and said, *Damn him, we will break his Windows, because he is a Glazier, and can mend them himself.*

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Francis Berry.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

*The Information of George Piesly the Younger, of Oxford, Baker, taken
upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.*

THIS Informant saith, That he was last Night at a Friend's House in *Jesus-Colledge-Lane*, and hearing a great Noise in the Street, he went as far as the *Star-Inn*, and when he came there, he saw the Soldiers breaking *Mr. Hurst's* and *Mr. Cooper's Windows*, and other Windows, all along the Street, and while they were about it, the Marquis of *Hartington* desir'd the Major to call off his Men, for he fear'd it would make a Disturbance: Whereupon the Major, as they came back, call'd them to him and bid them, *Come in and drink, and then as it again,* and they very soon came out again, and the Major bid them *besure to break all the Windows that had no Lights in them*, and repeated the same several times, and then they went down towards *North-Gate*, and broke the Windows as they went along.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

George Piesly, jun.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wife, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

*The Information of Thomas Nicklas of Oxford, Cutler, taken upon Oath
the Day and Tear aforesaid.*

THIS Informant saith, That last Night he, this Informant, saw Twenty or Thirty Soldiers come down the *High-street*, breaking the Windows all the way they came, and particularly this Informant saith, that he saw one *Thomas Heritage*, a Soldier, break the Windows of *Mr. Thomas Ledwell*, the Younger, with a Faggot-stick he carry'd in his Hand.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Thomas Nicklas.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wife, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

The Information of Thomas Vicaris of Oxford, Salter, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

- 10 **T**HIS Informant saith, That Yesterday Morning the Major of the Regiment and one of the Captains accidentally met near this Informant's Brother's House, he this Informant then standing at the Door, and the Captain ask'd the Major, *Where he was going so early with his Boots on?* the Major said, *He was willing to be in a readiness, and that he would break every Window that Night, by God:* Upon which, the Captain ask'd him, *Why,* and he said *Because never a Bell had stir'd that Day;* and then they parted. And further saith, That about an Hour after, the Major and another Officer came down the Street together, and as they pass'd by, the Major said, *The City is maintain'd by the University, and 'tis their Faults the Bells did not Ring, and by God I will break every College-Window this Night.*

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno

Thomas Vicaris.

supr. coram nobis,

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wise, *Mayor.*

Daniel Webb.

William Wright.

The Information of Edward Cosens of Oxford, Chandler, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

- 11 **T**HIS Informant saith, That as he was standing at his Mother's Door last Night between Eight and Nine of the Clock, he saw a great Number of Soldiers come down the Street, and breaking of Windows all the way they came; and when they came to this Informant, a Corporal, who led them up, said to the rest of them, *Gentlemen, break these Windows:* Upon which this Informant ask'd, *Why will you break the Windows?* Whereupon the Corporal ask'd this Informant who he was? and he told him, *He was Master of the House:* Upon which he said, *Then I will knock you down;* which he accordingly did with a Stick he brought with him; and after this Informant had got up again, he talk'd with them, and told them the great Hardship it was for People to have their Windows broke in such a manner, and such like Talk; whereupon they went away, having only one Stone thrown at his Windows; and further saith, That as he was getting up, after he was knock'd down, a Soldier struck at him with a drawn Sword, but did not hit him.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno

Edw. Cosens.

supr. coram nobis,

Jo. Baron. *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wise, *Mayor.*

Daniel Webb.

William Wright.

The Information of William Rowland, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

- 12 **T**HIS Informant saith, That last Night he saw a great many Soldiers breaking of Windows, and particularly he saw one *Thomas Wiblin*, a Soldier, break the Windows of Mr. *Smith* the Ironmonger, and when the said Mr. *Smith* came out to see what was the matter, the said *Wiblin* made an Offer to draw his Sword at him, but was prevented by another Soldier.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno

William Rowland,
His ? Mark.

supr. coram nobis,

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wise, *Mayor.*

Daniel Webb.

William Wright.

The Information of John Gillet of Oxford, Labourer, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That last Night he was at the *Cross-Inn*, and Mrs. ¹³ *Giles* who keeps the House, hearing a Noise in the Street of breaking of Windows, she went to the Gate with a Candle in her Hand, and said to the Soldiers, *Pray, Gentlemen, don't break my Windows: Good Gentlemen, don't break my Windows.* Upon which, one *Charter*, a Corporal in the Major's Company, said, *God damn you for an old Bitch;* and struck the Candle out of her Hand with a great Stick, and then struck her upon the left Arm in such a violent manner, that he almost beat her down.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

John Gillet,
His Mark.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.

The Information of Francis Brathwaite, Servant to Mrs. Giles, at the Cross Inn in Oxford, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That the above-written Information of *John Gillet* ¹⁴ is true.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

F. an. Brathwaite,

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.

The Information of Stoughton Bird of Balliol-College in the University of Oxford, Bachelor of Arts, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That a Bonfire being made, last Night, against the *Star-Inn*, he happened to be near the Place; and soon after the Bonfire was ¹⁵ lighted, he saw Mr. *Ingram* and Mr. *Sayer* of *Oriell*, and Mr. *Gilbert* of *Merton*, come out of the *Star-Inn* with Glasses in their Hands, and drank Healths, but what Healths they drank this Informant could not hear; and this Informant saw an Officer whose Name is *Hambleton* (as this Informant hath since heard) break Mr. *Hurst's* Windows; whereupon the Son or Servant of Mr. *Hurst* came out and ask'd, *What they meant by it?* or to that Effect: Upon which, the said Officer run at him with his Sword drawn, and the other Person run from him, and got into the House and fastened the Door before the Officer could come up to him, but the Officer came at him with that Violence, that he stuck his Sword in the Door and bent it, and after that he went to a Gownsmen, with his Sword in his Hand, and kick'd him.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

Stoughton Bird.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.

The Information of Eleanor the Wife of Richard Brudenell, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid,

THIS Informant saith, That as she was sitting in her Kitchen last Night, she ¹⁶ heard a great Noise in the Street, and going out to see what was the matter, she was met at the Door by several Soldiers; and she ask'd them what they meant? Upon which they swore and curs'd at her, and broke her Windows very much; and one *Fosby Magee*, a Corporal, struck this Informant with his Stick upon her Arm and her Face: And being ask'd by one of the Soldiers what they meant by

by breaking of Windows, and doing as they did? several of them said, they had the Major's Order for what they did.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

Eleanor Brudenell,
Her 3 Mark.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Daniel Webb.

William Wright.

City of Oxon. ff. The Information of William Turner of the City of Oxford, Chandler, taken upon Oath the First Day of November, Anno Dom. 1716. before the Reverend John Baron, D.D. and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxon. Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor of the City of Oxford, Sir Daniel Webb, Knt. and Henry White and James Pinnell, Aldermen, Five of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.

- 17 **T**HIS Informant saith, That this Morning the Major of the Regiment and another Gentleman came down the High-Street together, and as they passed by this Informant's Mother's Shop, he this Informant heard the Major say, *That if they did not put up Candles such another Night, they should break the Windows again,* or Words to that Effect.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

William Turner.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Daniel Webb.

Henry White.

The Information of William Crofier of Oxford, Cork-Cutter, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

- 18 **T**HIS Informant saith, That as he was standing last Tuesday Night by the Bonfire against the Star-Inn, he heard the Major of the Regiment bid the Soldiers drive the Jacobites away from the Corner of the Lane against the Bonfire, and also bid them pull down the Corner-House and the next House to it, and between the two Houses they would find a Jacobite.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,

William Crofier,
His O Mark.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Daniel Webb.

Henry White.

The Information of Christopher Eling of the City of Oxford, Cork-Cutter, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

- 19 **T**HIS Informant saith, That last Tuesday Night he was in the Street, when Mr. Mayor, with the Mace carry'd before him, return'd to his own House, after walking about the Town to disperse the Soldiers, who had been breaking of Windows; and when Mr. Mayor came to his own Door, this Informant saw some Soldiers present their Muskets towards him, and then fired them, and the Powder from one of the Muskets almost blinded this Informant for the present, and (as this Informant hath since heard) one of them shot a Bullet thro' the Mace-bearer's Hat as it was upon his Head.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Ann.
supr. coram nobis,

Christopher Eling,
His (1) Mark.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Daniel Webb.

Henry White.

The Information of Robert Winflow of Oxford, Barber, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That he saw the Major of the Regiment, last *Tuesday* 20 Night take a Stick from the Bonfire, and throw it at some Windows in the Neighbourhood; and also heard him order the Soldiers to pull down Mr. Hurst's House, and break all the Windows that had no Candles in them: And thereupon the Soldiers immediately went to work, and broke a great Number of Windows both in that Street and in the High-Street.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
Henry White.

The Information of John Best of Oxford, Pipe-maker, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That last *Tuesday* Night he saw a great Number of 21 Soldiers break Mr. Hurst's Windows, among whom were two Soldiers that Quarter'd at the *Star-Inn*, one of which goes by the Name of *Mackrell*: And this Informant further saith, That he is very sure the Windows of the Parlour of the said Inn were broke a Month ago, in the same manner as they now are.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
Henry White.

The Information of John Welly, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That he was standing at Mr. Mayor's Door last *Tues-* 22 *day* Night, when he the said Mr. Mayor came back from his Walk after the Soldiers, who had been breaking of Windows about the Town, and when Mr. Mayor came to his own Door, he this Informant saw some Soldiers with Muskets, and one of them order'd them to Fire; and as soon as he had so done, he fired his own Musket towards the Place where Mr. Mayor stood, and after that, three more of them fired the same way.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
Henry White.

The Information of John Crozier, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, That as he was shutting up his Master's Windows last 23 *Tuesday* Night, he heard a Noise of breaking of Windows, and turning a- bout to see who they were, he saw several Soldiers throwing Stones at Mr. Hurst's Windows, among whom was one John Storkley, a Soldier, and one Edward West, the Under-Hofter at the *Star-Inn*; whereupon this Informant call'd to the said West, and bid him take care what he did, for a Noise would be taken of his Name: Upon which, the Major of the Regiment, draw'd his Sword, and run o- ver towards this Informant, and said, *God damn that Fellow, run him through*; but this Informant ran from him, and the Major follow'd him; and after the Major had

had left off his pursuit after this Informant, he saw two Scholars passing along the Street, and struck one of them without any provocation at all.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

John Crozier.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
Henry White.*

The Information of John Pavier, of Oxford, Taylor, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

24 **T**HIS Informant saith, That last *Tuesday* Night he saw a great Number of Soldiers, and one *Edward West* an Hostler at the *Star-Inn* throw Stones and Fire-sticks at Mr. *Hurst's* Windows, the Major of the Regiment all the while looking on; and this Informant heard the Major say to the Soldiers, *God damn you, Boys, pull down the House, I will see it out;* and saith, That one of the Soldier's Name is *John Stockley*: And further saith, That about nine of the Clock the same Night, a Corporal of the Major's Company, who lodgeth at one *Wooten's* a Hemp-dresser, knock'd this Informant down without any Provocation, or without saying any thing to him.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

John Pavier.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
Henry White.*

The Information of John Lucas of Oxford, Cutler, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

25 **T**HIS Informant saith, That he was coming out of the *Sw-Inn* and going home, last *Tuesday*, just as Mr. Mayor came up Town to disperse the Soldiers that were breaking of Windows, but was stopt by a Constable, who charg'd this Informant to go along with and assist Mr. Mayor, which this Informant did accordingly: And when Mr. Mayor came back to his own Door, this Informant saw some Soldiers with Muskets, and some body said *Poo, Poo*. Upon which, one of the Soldiers said, *Damn you, what you mean by Poo, Poo?* and then presented their Muskets towards the Place where Mr. Mayor was, and one of the Soldiers said, *Damn you, Fire*: And immediately three or four of them did Fire: And this Informant hath since heard, that one of them shot the Mace-bearer thro' his Hat with a Bullet, as it was upon his Head: And further saith, That after they had fired, as aforesaid, one of them said, *Damn you, if that will not do, we will put in a Brace of Bullets.*

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

John Lucas.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
Henry White.*

The Information of John Ives of Oxford, Yeoman, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

26 **T**HIS Informant saith, That this Morning he this Informant, Mr. *Green* the Glazier, and one Mrs. *Blow*, had some talk in relation to the Windows which were broke by the Soldiers last *Tuesday* Night, and while they were thus talking, the Major of the Regiment crossed the Street to meet Mr. *Hawkins* the Adjutant, and just as he came to the Door where they were, he nodded his Head

Head towards Mr. Hurst's House, and said, *God damn you, I wish they had pull'd the House down.*

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

John Ives.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wife, *Mayor.*

Daniel Webb.

Henry White.

Civit. Oxon. ff. The Information of Sir Daniel Webb, Kt. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City taken upon Oath the 2d Day of November, Anno Dom. 1716, before the Reverend John Baron, D.D. Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Richard Wife, Esq; Mayor of the City of Oxford, William Wright, Esq; Recorder of the said City, three of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.

THIS Informant saith, that as he was standing at his Door last Tuesday Morning, he saw the Major of the Regiment passing by, and this Informant (having heard the Major called at his House about a Day or two before) told him he was sorry he was not at Home when he called; to which he made no Answer, but said, *no Bells ring;* and this Informant said, *I have not heard any;* then the Major said, *he would break the College Windows at Night;* and this Informant further saith, that a little after Eight of the Clock at Night of the same Day, this Informant being from Home, and hearing a great Noise and Disturbance in the Street, he hasten'd towards his own House as fast as he could, and when he came near Home, he saw some Soldiers, to the Number of 14 or 15, or thereabouts, and he asked them, what they meant by making such a Disturbance? upon which one of them struck this Informant upon the Head with a Stick; and another draw'd his Sword in a great Passion, and push'd at this Informant; whereupon he told them he was a Justice of the Peace, and should know some of them; then one of them took this Informant fast hold by the Right-Arm, while another of them forc'd this Informant's Cane out of his Hand, and carried it away; and further saith, that his Head was hurt and bruised with Blows he received from them with Sticks.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Daniel Webb.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wife, *Mayor.*

William Wright.

The Informations of Henry Silvester and Richard Colton, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid, before the Justices aforesaid, and Sir Daniel Webb, Kt.

THese Informants say, that they were standing at a Door last Tuesday Morning next to Sir Daniel Webb's, when he and the Major of the Regiment were talking together, and heard the Major ask Sir Daniel, *why the Bells did not ring?* but they could not hear what Answer Sir Daniel made him; but heard the Major say further, *What; you are govern'd by the Colleges, and do what they would have you; they are Parcel of disaffected Rogues, and I will break their Windows for it at Night.*

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Henry Silvester.

Richard Colton.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wife, *Mayor.*

Daniel Webb.

William Wright.

The Information of Nathan Stock, of Brazen-Nose-College, in the University of Oxford, Bachelor of Arts, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, that last Tuesday Morning he, this Informant, and one Mr. Thomas Harris, of the same College with this Informant, were at *Hamel-* 29
son's Coffee-House in Oxford, when the Major of the Regiment came in swearing
and

and curling, and said, *not a Bell fir'd this Morning*; whereupon this Informant asked the said Mr. Harris what Day it was? but the Major hearing the Question, answered, *It was the Prince's Birth-Day*, and said, *it was the Disaffection of the Governours, who were a Pack of Villains, which occasion'd their not Ringing*; then this Informant said, *they have a Ring of Bells at Merton-College, and I don't believe you think them disaffected*; and he said *No, that was a good honest College, and that the Constitution-Club knew it was the Prince's Birth-Day*; and so continu'd Swearing, that he would send Soldiers at Night to break the Windows of the Colleges; and repeated the same very often, and was in a very great Passion.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Nathan Stock.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

The Information of Thomas Harris, of Brazen-Nose-College, in the University of Oxford, Batchelor of Arts, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

30 **T**HIS Informant saith, that he hath heard the Information of Mr. Nathan Stock read unto him, and that the Contents thereof are true:

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

Tho. Harris.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

The Information of William Smith, of Oxford, Teoman, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

31 **T**HIS Informant saith, that last Tuesday Night he was standing by the Bone-fire at the Star, and saw the Soldiers break Mr. Hurst's Windows all to Pieces; and when they had so done, they began to throw Stones at other People's Windows, and particularly Mr. Cooper's the Barber; and some one that stood by said, *It was pity to break them, for he was a poor Man*; whereupon the Major asked what he was? and Mr. Wisdome the Cutler answer'd, *He is not right, or, He is not a Whig*, but this Informant is not sure which he said: And then a Nobleman (who this Informant believes was the Marquess of Harrington) desir'd the Major to call the Soldiers away, otherwise it wou'd make a great Disturbance in the Town; upon which the Major call'd them to him, and bid them come in and Drink; and when they came into the Back-side of the Star-Inn, several Persons said to them, *Come in and drink the King's Health Boys*; and at it again, and after that they broke more Windows in several parts of the Town.

*Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

William Smith.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.
William Wright.*

The Information of Thomas Shepcott, a Corporal in the Major's Company, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

32 **T**HIS Informant saith, that he was upon the Guard last Tuesday Night, and that about Nine of the Clock at Night this Informant was ordered by the Captain of the Guard to go about the Town with Four Soldiers, with their Bayonets screwed up on their Muskets, and if he should meet with any Soldiers, he was to send them to the Guard, or to their Quarters: And if he saw any Townsmen making Disturbances, he was to desire them to go about their Business; and as this Informant was coming up the High-Street with his Soldiers, he saw a great Number of People attending Mr. Mayor about his own Door, and this Informant bid them *Good-night* and

and pass'd by them; after which somebody said one of the Soldiers swore, and several ran after them to see who it was that did swear; whereupon one of the Soldiers turn'd about, and fired his Piece, and very soon after two others fired also; and when this Informant enquir'd into the meaning of it, one of them said, *Somebody attempted to take away his Piece.*

Capt. & Jur. Dic. & Anna

supr. coram nobis,

The Shepcott

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Daniel Webb.

William Wright.

The Information of Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor of the City aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Second Day of November, Anno Dom. 1716, before the Reverend John Baron, Doctor of Divinity, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxon, and Sir Daniel Webb, Knt. Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said City.

THIS Informant being told last *Tuesday*, between Eight and Nine of the Clock 33 at Night, that the Soldiers were got together in great Numbers, and breaking the Windows about the Town, he this Informant immediately went out to endeavour to suppress them, and when he came to his Door he saw about Fifteen or Sixteen Soldiers breaking of Windows as fast as they could, and their Swords drawn: This Informant call'd to them, and ask'd them what they meant by such Disorders? and told them, that unless they went immediately to their Quarters, he this Informant would send to their Colonel, (meaning the Lieutenant-Colonel,) upon which they shook their Heads at this Informant, and went something hastily up the Street, but continued breaking the Windows as they went along: And then this Informant sent to the Lieutenant-Colonel and desir'd his Assistance to suppress such great Disorders, and sent for the Mace-bearer and some of the Constables to attend upon and assist this Informant in his Endeavours to quiet them; but they went so very fast along, that this Informant could not overtake them: But they still broke the Windows as they went on. Then this Informant went to the Major, who was at the *Star-Inn* with several other Officers of the Regiment, and desired he would assist in that Matter; but he seem'd to be very indifferent, and said, *If this Informant would tell him the Names of any of them, he would have them punish'd;* and one of the Officers ask'd this Informant why he brought a Mob with him? (meaning the City-Officers and other Persons who attended upon this Informant and Sir Daniel Webb) and said, That by the Act of Parliament he ought not to have above Twelve with him. And this Informant went likewise to the Captain of the Guard, and desired his Assistance, but met with as little Satisfaction from him as from the Major; but as this Informant was coming away, he said, *He would send out a Patrol.* Then this Informant went to the Lieutenant-Colonel, and desired he would do something in it, for it was then getting to such a Head, that it was hard to guess where it would end: But he then told this Informant, *he had sent Orders to the Major which he thought would be effectual, or to that purpose;* and soon after that they were quieted. But as this Informant was coming home, he met with some Soldiers near his own House, and asking what they were? they said, *They were the Patrol.* Then this Informant desired they would assist in quieting the Disturbances, which they promised to do: But by that time they had gone about 5 or 6 Yards from this Informant, he heard some Noise, and turning about to see what was the matter, first one of them, and then two more fired their Muskets, and one of them shot the Mace-bearer, (who was then attending upon this Informant with his Mace) through the Brims and Crown of his Hat, which was then upon his Head, and he standing very near this Informant.

Capt. & Jur. Dic. & Anna

supr. coram nobis,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Daniel Webb.

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The Information of John Moulden, Mace-bearer of the City of Oxford, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid, before the Justices aforesaid, and Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor.

- 34 **T**HIS Informant saith, That between Eight and Nine of the Clock last Tuesday-Night, having heard the Soldiers were breaking windows, he went immediately into the Street, and when he came to *Carfax*, he saw abundance of Soldiers breaking of windows in the *High-Street*, all the while Hallowing, and making a great Noise; and there meeting with the Town-Clerk, this Informant and he went to the Captain of the Guard (who was then standing at *Carfax* smoking a Pipe of Tobacco) and desir'd him to appoint a Party of his Guards, to stop the Outrage of the Soldiers; but he seem'd to be in a Consternation, and ask'd, *what he would have him do?* and then this Informant being told Mr. Mayor wanted to speak with him, he immediately waited upon him, and by his Commands carry'd the Mace before him about the Town, in order to suppress the Disturbances, being attended by the Constables and others: They went to the Major at the *Star-Inn*, (where he was in Company with several other Officers of the Regiment) and Mr. Mayor desired his Assistance to stop the Violence of the Soldiers, and from thence went to the Lieutenant-Colonel, and desired the same of him, who answered, *he had heard of it, and had just wrote to the Major to that purpose*; after which Mr. Mayor went about the Streets again, desiring all he met with to go quietly home; and by that time Mr. Mayor came to *Carfax* all things were pretty quiet, and then Mr. Mayor went home, but just as he came to his own Door he met some Soldiers, one of which said, *they were the Patrole, and that they had been sending the Soldiers into their Quarters*; but when they had gone a little distance from Mr. Mayor they turned again, but upon what Occasion this Informant knows not; and one of them fired his Musket, and very soon after two others of them fired; and one of them shot this Informant through the Brims and Crown of his Hat, which was then upon his Head, and he attending Mr. Mayor with the Mace.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis, *John Moulden.*

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.

Civit. Oxon. ff. The Informations of Richard Brown, of Oxford, Barber, and William Parker, of the same, Inn-holder, taken upon Oath the 3d Day of November, Anno Dom. 1716. before Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor, and Sir Daniel Webb, Kt. two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.

- 35 **T**Hese Informants say, that as soon as the Bonfire was lighted against the *Star-Inn*, last Tuesday Night, the Major of the Regiment came out of the said Inn, and said to the Soldiers that were in the Street, *Break not One but All: Pull down the House, and I will answer it*: and thereupon they immediately began breaking Mr. Hurst's windows.

Capt. & Jur. Die & Anno
supr. coram nobis, *Richard Brown,*
William Parker.

Richard Wise, Mayor.
Daniel Webb.

A Letter from the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Methuen.

Honoured Sir,

IT so happened, that I was Obligated to go out of Town on Friday before the Post came in, and I did not return to Oxford till last Night.

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The Mayor and Recorder thought it proper to have a Copy of the Depositions taken to be kept here; the Originals are now sent, according to the Command of His Royal Highness. I am with very great Respect,

Ball. Coll. Oxford,
December 25, 1716.

Honoured Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
Jo. Baron.

A Letter from the Mayor of Oxford to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Methuen.

SIR,

Oxon, December 25, 1716.

IN Obedience to the Commands of His Royal Highness, signified by Yours of the 20th Instant, I have sent Your Honour the Original Informations therein mentioned by this Bearer, and humbly beg leave to subscribe my self,

Your Honour's most Faithful
and most Obedient Servant,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Major D'Offranville's Letter to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend.

My LORD,

Oxon, November the 2d, 1716.

AS what happen'd last Tuesday, being the Prince's Birth-Day, may be misrepresented to His Royal Highness, and to Your Lordship, I take the Liberty to Address this Letter, and acquaint Your Lordship with the whole Affair. When first the Regiment came to Town I waited on Mr. Mayor, and told him the Government had sent Us to prevent all Disturbances, and as I was willing to live if possible in Friendship with every Body, I desired him to Contribute as much as in him lay to the Publick Peace; I promised him I would Affront no body, and that I was Resolved not to suffer any. Every thing was very easy till the Coronation Day, when being drawn up in order to Fire, some of the Mob flung Dirt on our Men, but as I could not fix it on any particular Person, I passed it by. On His Royal Highness's Birth-Day, I observed that not one Bell was rung, and meeting with Sir Daniel Webb (one of their Magistrates, at 11 of the Clock in the Morning) I told him I wondred at the Disaffection of the Town for the Prince; and further, that they deserved to have their Windows broke, but he made no Reply. Very little after Captain Tripp met Mr. Mayor, and mentioned the same to him; to which he replied, that truly he did not know it was the Prince's Birth-Day. At five of the Clock I drew the Regiment out, read the Articles of War, and recommended to the Men not to frequent the Colledges nor the Gownsmen, and particularly the Disaffected Jacobite Part of them. I extended the Regiment from the Conduit to the East Gate, during which time abundance of the Mob cry'd, Down with the Round-Heads. I discharged my Three Rounds, so lodged the Colours, and dismissed the Regiment. I and most part of Our Officers repaired at the Starr-Inn with some Honest Gentlemen of the Constitution Club, where I ordered a Bonfire to be made; we all agreed to drink about the Fire His Majesty's Health, the Prince, Princess and the Royal Family, the Pious Memory of King William, the Duke of Marlborough, and Your Lordship's, &c. After which we retired into the House, and that very Moment our Windows were broke with Stones. The Soldiers of the Regiment that were about the Fire perceiving our House thus affronted, and seeing the Stones coming from the House of an Ironmonger, armed themselves with Stones, and broke some of the Windows of the said House: Several Gentlemen of the Constitution Club then in Company with us hearing the Disturbance in the Street desired me to go out and appease them, and at my Appearance all the Soldiers immediately ceased. It did not last long when our House was a second time Assaulted with Stones; then the Soldiers took up Stones, and broke several Windows in the Street that were not Illuminated; all this was acted between the Hours of Eight and Nine at Night, at which time I sent Lieutenant Hamilton to the Main Guard to order Patrolls from thence to suppress all Disorders

bers and disperse all Mobs. Mr. Mayor came to me with his Attendants, and an innumerable Mob, desiring me to suppress the Soldiers breaking the Windows. Captain Gillman and I told him that we had, and would take all imaginable Care; and as the Mob was crowding into our House, we desired him to disperse them or give us leave to do it, upon which they dispersed. We offered him our Services, and if he pleas'd we'd guard him Home, but thank'd us and walk'd off with an innumerable Mob attending him; who meeting with one of our Patrolls that Challenged them three times, they answered What is that to you, and seized one of the Men, taking hold of his Firelock, as they used to do to some of Colonel Handasyde's Soldiers, but being not willing to part with his said Firelock disengaged himself from them and fired his Piece, as also two more of the same Patroll; they all being loaden only with Powder, according to the Orders they received. The Corporation was so frightened at this, that the next Day they resolved to complain of me (being at the Head of the Regiment, my Lieutenant Colonel being Very Sick, and confined to his Room) the readier, because I do not frequent their Companies, knowing them to be highly Disaffected. I understand they have taken a great many Depositions and Affidavits against me, and some other Officers of the Regiment, and all from People that are as disaffected as themselves, as if I had given Orders for breaking the Windows that were not Illuminated; all which is Notoriously false, as the Regiment can justify. I am further informed they offered Money to some of our Men, if they would declare the same.

I am, my Lord, credibly informed that Mr. Mayor and the Corporation have dispatch'd an Express this Day with a Complaint to His Royal Highness on this Oecasion, which I doubt not to be in the most violent Terms imaginable, considering the People that undertake it, whose Characters I humbly refer to Your Lordship. Therefore I humbly Intreat Your Lordship's Favour and Interest in prepossessing His Royal Highness with a true State of the whole Affair, which will always be Acknowledged as an entire Obligation laid on the whole Corps, and particularly on,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

to Command,

Peter D'Offranville.

The Information of William Coggin Serjeant in Captain Robert Tripp's Company in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath the Sixth Day of December, Anno Domini 1716, before the Reverend John Baron, Doctor of Divinity and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxon, Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor of the City of Oxon, William Wright, Esq; Recorder of the same City, Sir Daniel Webb, Knt. and Henry White Alderman, Five of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.

THIS Informant saith, that as the Regiment was marching from the Conduit towards the East Gate, in order to Fire, on the 20th of October last, it being the Coronation Day, a Bunch of Turnip-Tops, that were very dirty, were thrown out of a Crowd at the Regiment, and struck one William Pickett, a Centinel, between the Shoulders as he was marching in the Ranks. This Informant seeing it, ask'd Who it was that flung it? and was immediately order'd by Lieutenant Hawkins, who acted then as Adjutant, to make a Discovery of the Person that flung it, and to knock him down with his Halbert; but this Informant could not find out who it was.

*Jurat Die 6 Anno
Sup. dict. coram nobis,*

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Rich. Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Hen. White.

William Coggin.

The Information of William Pickett, a Centinel in Captain Robert Tripp's Company in the said Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, that he has heard the Information of Serjeant Coggin read to him, and knows the same to be true: And further saith, that the said Bunch of Turnip-Tops dirty'd all the Back of his Coar, and also the Sling of his Pouch, marching under Arms in the Ranks along the Street.

*Jurat Dei Et Anno sup. dict.
coram nobis,*

*Will. Pickett,
His 7 Mark.*

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wise, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of Richard Hawkins Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath the Sixth Day of December, Anno Domini 1716, before the Reverend John Baron, Doctor of Divinity, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxon, Richard Wise, Esq; Mayor of the City of Oxon, William Wright, Esq; Recorder of the same City, Sir Daniel Webb, Knt. and Henry White, Alderman, Five of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of Oxon aforesaid.

THIS Informant declares, that being on the Flank of the Platoon, that the above Informants belong to, and seeing Turnip-Tops flung at the Men, ordered the Informant Coggin to make a Discovery of the Person that flung it if possible, and to knock him down with his Halbert.

*Jur. Die Et Anno
sup. dict. coram nob.*

Richard Hawkins.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wise, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of Major Peter d'Offranville, of the aforesaid Regiment, taken upon Oath, the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant declares, That on the Thirtieth Day of October last, it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day, in the Evening, having drawn the Regiment from the Conduit to the East-Gate, in order to fire the Three Firings, as is usual on the like Occasion; there stood a great Crowd of People behind him, near and about the said Conduit; and the very Moment this Informant was a going to give the Word of Command for firing, he heard several of the People out of the Crowd, cry, *down with the Round-heads*, upon which this Informant turn'd his Horse about, and perceiving one, who had on the Habit of a Clergyman, told him he was the Rogue, and that if this Informant could get at him, he would break his Head, or any disaffected Person's Head, as soon as he would a Dog's, or words to that effect.

*Jur. Die Et Anno
sup. dict. coram nob.*

Peter D'Offranville.

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wise, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of Richard Schroder, Serjeant of Grenadiers in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant being on the Right of the Grenadier Company, when drawn up in order to Fire on the Thirtieth of October last, it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at Night, declares that a Gentleman brought

out a Mug of Drink, and Drank His Majesty King George's Health to this Informant, upon which some of the Mob cry'd, *down with the Round-heads*, which this Informant hearing turn'd himself about, and struck at two or three of them, and immediately they ran off; and further saith, that he saw the Major at the same time ride up towards the Croud and shake his Cane at them.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

Richard Schroder.

*Jo. Baron. Vice-Gen.
Rich. Wife. Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of Christopher Pope, Corporal of Grenadiers in the said Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant says, that he heard the Information of Serjeant Schroder read to him, and that he knows the same to be true.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

Christ. Pope.

*Jo. Baron. Vice-Gen.
Rich. Wife. Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of Simon Monfort, Lieutenant in the aforesaid Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, that he being at the head of the Grenadiers on the Thirtieth of October last, it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at Night, when Major D'Offranville was about to give the Word of Command for Firing, did hear some out of the Croud that stood about the Conduit, cry, *down with the Round-heads*; upon which the said Major being very much surpriz'd at such Expressions, rid up to them and made some strokes at them with his Cane.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

Sim. Monfort.

*Jo. Baron. Vice-Gen.
Rich. Wife. Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Depositions of Faustin Maggee, Corporal in Colonel Leathes's Company, William Crook Serjeant, and John Charters, and Thomas Shapcott, Corporals in Major Peter D'Offranville's Company, in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December, 1716. before the Justices aforesaid.

*In Answer to
the First Infor-
mation by
Rich. Boxley.*

THES E Deponents severally say, that being near the *Star-Inn*, in *Oxon*, on the Thirtieth of October last, it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at Night, when Major D'Offranville ordered a Bonfire to be lighted in the Street before the said Inn, which was about a Quarter of an Hour before Eight at Night, or thereabouts, they saw the said Major and several Gentlemen of the Constitution Club come out of the said Inn, with Glasses and Bottles in their Hands, which Company came round the said Fire, where they drank His Majesty King George, the Prince Regent, all the Royal Family, with several other Loyal Healths; after which the Major and his said Company retired into the Inn, and these Deponents further say, that they saw the Windows broke by some of the Town People, the Stones coming from the House of Mr. *Hurst* Iron-monger, or thereabouts, immediately after the Major and his said Company were gone in, upon which some Soldiers that were round the Fire during the whole time took up Stones and broke the Windows of the said Iron-monger's House, which these Deponents do verily believe to be out of Indignation, on Account of their Major's Windows being affronted,

fronted. These Deponents further say, That they did not hear the Major, nor any of his Company, give Orders for breaking of Windows during the whole Night.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*
Rich. Wise, *Mayor.*
Hen. White.

*Fas. Magget.
Will. Crook.
John Charters.
Tho. Shapcote.*

The Depositions of Matthew Wisedom Cutler, and John Cutler Cordwainer, both of the City of Oxon, taken upon Oath, the Day and Year above said.

THESE Deponents severally say, that they heard the above Depositions read to them, and know the same to be true, except what relates to the Windows being broke by Towns People; and further say, that these Deponents verily believe, that the first Stone that was flung at the *Star-Inn* Windows (the aforesaid Night) where the Major and his said Company were, was flung from the House of Mr. Hurst Iron-monger, and that several more Stones were flung from that side of the Street at the *Star-Inn* Windows aforesaid.

*In answer to
the first Infor-
mation by Rich.
Boxley.*

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. per prae. coram nob.

Richard Wise, *Mayor.*
Henry White.

Matthew Wisedom.

The Depositions of Captain Robert Tripp, Captain Stephen Gillman, Lieutenant John Hamilton, and Lieutenant Robert Pearson, all of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year above said.

THESE Deponents declare that going from the said Bonfire to the said Inn, Major D'Offranville propos'd to these Deponents, that the honest Soldiers (or Words to that effect) should have something to Drink His Majesty's Health, and Royal Family, which was consented to, provided it was gathered among the Officers, and not the Club; and further declare, that they verily believe the said Major gave no Orders for breaking of Windows, they being present with the said Major during the whole time; and further declare that they heard the said Major desire several of the Soldiers for God's sake do not break any Windows.

*In answer to
the first Infor-
mation by Rich.
Boxley.*

Jur. per prae. Steph. Gillman, Jo. Hamilton, & Rob.

Pearson, Die & Anno, supr. dict. cor. nobis;

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*
Rich. Wise, *Mayor.*
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.

Rob. Trip.

See. Gillman.

Jo. Hamilton.

Rob. Pearson.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. per prae. Rob.

Trip. coram nob.

Hen. White,
James Pinnell.

The Depositions of Richard Meadowcourt, Fellow of Merton Colledge in the University of Oxon, taken upon Oath the Day and Year above said.

THIS Deponent declares, that being with the Constitution Club at the *Star-Inn* in Oxon aforesaid on the Thirtieth of October last, (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, several panes of Glass in the Room where this Deponent was sitting were broke; that upon this he this Deponent went out into the Street with some other Gentlemen, and enquired of a Man that stood near him, this Deponent, whether he knew from what place the Stones were thrown, who told this Deponent that he had seen a Man in the Leads adjoining to Hurst the Ironmonger's House, and believed the Stones came from thence; after which this Deponent return'd into the Room with the rest of the Gentlemen, and in a little time heard a great Noise of breaking of Windows; and further saith, that the Gentlemen of the Club upon this, desired the Major to go out, and put a stop to the Disturbance; that the said Major with several other Gentlemen among whom was this Deponent went into the Street; and this Deponent further saith, that he heard the

*In answer to
the 1st, 2d, and
3rd Informations
by Rich. Box-
ley, and Tho.
Callow, and
Geo. Peilly the
Younger.*

the said Major call the Soldiers to him, and speak to them in these Words, Do not you break one Window, I command you not to break one Window; and that immediately the Soldiers dispers'd and went towards North-Gate.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. cor. nob.*

Richard Meadowcourt.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.

The Depositions of John Hamilton, Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In answer to
the 2d Article
by Tho. Col-
low.

THIS Deponent saith, that being in Company at the Star-Inn in Oxon on the Thirtieth Day of October last, (it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at night) and hearing some of the Windows in the Room where he was, broke, went out to know the Reason; upon which some of the Soldiers told him, there was a Mob, and some Gownsmen with Swords drawn, in the Lane over-against the said Star-Inn; he this Deponent then desir'd two or three of the Soldiers to follow him, in order to find out who they were accordingly going into the Lane, he met with a Mob of about Twenty in Number, which he desired to disperse, saying we will not suffer our Windows to be broke by Jacobites; but gave no Directions to break any Windows, nor does not know the Men who broke the Windows at the Star-Inn aforesaid.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. cor. nob.*

John Hamilton.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.

The Depositions of Joseph Macrell, William Muckhell, and John Stockley, Centinels in Colonel Leathes's Company, and Christopher Hinds, Centinel in Captain Leathes's Company, all of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December 1716, before the Justices aforesaid.

In answer to
the 2d and 4th
Informations by
Tho. Collow.

THESE Deponents say, that they were in Company with Corporal Faustin Maggee, when Sir Daniel Webb (as they since understand he was) met the said Maggee in the High-Street in Oxon, on the Thirtieth of October last, it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at Night, and do positively say that the said Maggee did not draw or offer to draw his Sword, either against the said Sir Daniel Webb, or Mr. Mayor, or against any other Person whatsoever, to the best of these Deponents knowledge.

*Jur. Die & Anno supr. dict.
per prad. Will. Muckbell,
Joh. Stockly, & Christop.
Hinds, coram nob.*

Will. Muckbell,
His 7 Mark.
John Stockly.
Christopher Hinds,
His 1 Mark.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.

The Deposition of Lieutenant John Hamilton, of the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In answer to
the 3d and 4th
Informations by
John Hurst, and
Will. Clark.

THIS Deponent declares that he was at the Star-Inn in Oxon on the Thirtieth of October last, (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at Night) in Company with Major D'Offranville during the whole time the said Major was at the Bonfire, and declares That to the best of his knowledge, the said Major did not sling either Firestick or Stone at Hurst the Ironmonger's Windows, nor draw

draw his Sword against any Body; and this Deponent further declares, that he this Deponent, verily believes that the said Major did not give any Orders whatsoever for breaking of Windows.

*Jur. Dic't Anno
supr. coram nobis,*

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Depositions of Corporal Faustin Maggee, William Muckhelly, Thomas Higgins, Robert Cole, Peter Asbinwell, John Tolson, Centinels of Colonel Leathes's Company, and John Haskins Centinel in Captain William Leathes's Company, in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year above said.

THES E Deponents jointly and severally say, that they were at the Bonfire that was made before the *Star-Inn* in *Oxon* on the Thirtieth of *October* last (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, from the time of Lighting of it to the last; and do say, that they or either of them did not see Major *D'Offranville* take up either Stone or Firestick, or fling either Stone or Firestick or any thing else at any Window whatsoever, neither did they or any of them see the said Major draw his Sword, or with his Sword draws in his hand any part of the time of the said Bonfire burning; and these Deponents further say, that they really believe in their Consciences, that had the said Major taken up either Stones or Firesticks, or drawn his Sword, these Deponents must of Necessity have seen him.

*Jur. Dic't Anno
supr. dic't coram nobis,
Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

Fast. Maggee.

John Haskins.

Will. Muckhelly.

John Tolson.

His Mark.

Thos. Higgins.

His 2 Mark.

Rob. Cole.

His 2 Mark.

Per. Asbinwell.

His 3 Mar.

The Deposition of Faustin Maggee of Colonel Leathes's Company, in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year above said.

THIS Deponent saith, that having received (with several other Corporals of the Regiment) Orders from Major *D'Offranville* to send home all the Soldiers that bred Disturbance, the Night of the Thirtieth of *October* last, into their Quarters, he this Deponent passing by *St. John's College* heard the Report of a Pistol that was shot out of one of the Windows of the said College, and thereupon meeting with Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and several other Gownmen, he this Deponent asked of them why they fired thus at him? One among them answered, We can fire for the King as well as you; whereupon this Deponent called to some of the Soldiers to come away home, saying, We have nothing to do with the Colleges; but as to striking any of the Vice-Chancellor's Servants, this Deponent knows nothing of.

*Jur. Dic't Anno
supr. dic't coram nobis,*

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

Fast. Maggee.

The Depositions of Lieutenant Jos. Young, Lieutenants Aquilla Forster, and Richard Hawkins, and John Moun Gent. all of the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, and Samuel Main of Wadham College Oxon, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

Answer to the 6th and 7th Informations by Tho. Longford and Fran. Berry.

THese Deponents say, That on the 30th of October last, (being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day,) they were at *Hamilton's Coffee-House* in the City of *Oxon*, and never went out of the same, between the Hours of Seven and Ten in the Evening, and that Mr. *John Baker* Fellow of *Wadham College* in the University of *Oxford* was in their Company in the said Coffee-House, and never out of the same, between the said Hours of about Seven and Ten, (except three or four Minutes about Nine of the Clock, when he went out of the said Room, and immediately returned again.)

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.*

*Jos. Young.
Richard Hawkins.
Aquilla Forster.
John Moun.
Samuel Mayne.*

The Depositions of Ensign Alexander Agnew, of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath, the Day and Tear aforesaid.

Answer to the 6th and 7th Informations by Thomas Longford and Fran. Berry.

THIS Deponent saith, That on the Thirtieth of October last, He was at *Hamilton's Coffee-House* in the City of *Oxford*, and never out of the same, from between the Hour of Seven and half an Hour after Nine that Evening, and that Mr. *John Baker*, Fellow of *Wadham College* in the University of *Oxford*, was in his Company, and never out of the same, between the aforesaid Hour of Seven and half an Hour after Nine that Evening, (except Three or Four Minutes about Nine, when he went out of the Room, and immediately after return'd.)

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.*

Alexander Agnew.

The Depositions of Ensign Charles Nicholson, of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath, the Day and Tear aforesaid.

Answer to the 6th and 7th Informations by Tho. Longford and Fran. Berry.

THIS Deponent saith, That being at *Hamilton's Coffee-House* in the City of *Oxon*, on the Thirtieth Day of October last, and hearing a Disturbance in the Streets, went up as far as the Guard, and declares, that when He, this Deponent, went out of the said Coffee-House, (which was when the Windows were breaking,) he left Mr. *Baker* of *Wadham College* in the Company that he had been in at the said Coffee-House: And this Deponent further saith, that, He return'd again in a Quarter of an Hour, and found the said Mr. *Baker* in the same Company: And this Deponent also declares, That the said Mr. *Baker* was not out of the said Coffee-House from about Seven of the Clock till Ten that Evening, unless he was out at the time when this Deponent was absent, except two or three Minutes between Eight and Nine of the Clock, when the said Mr. *Baker* went out of the Room into the Entry, and no further, and returned again immediately.

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

*Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.
Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.*

Char. Nicholson.

The Depositions of John Dew, of Oxon, Barber, taken upon Oath, the Day and Year above said.

THIS Deponent saith, That hearing some Person in the Streets say, That Mr. Baker of Wadham was with the Mob, encouraging them to break Windows on the Thirtieth of October last, and knowing the said Mr. Baker was to be at Hamilton's Coffee-House that Evening, he, this Deponent went thither about Nine of the Clock in the Evening of the said Day, and sent one of the Servants of the said House up Stairs to call the said Mr. Baker, who immediately came down to this Deponent into the Entry of the said House; and while this Deponent was there talking to the said Mr. Baker, two or three of the Officers of the Regiment now quartered in Oxford came after the said Mr. Baker, and this Deponent telling Mr. Baker the Report that was about the Town as aforesaid, they advised the said Mr. Baker to go back again to his Company with them, and stay there, for that then they could all swear, that he the said Mr. Baker was not at all concern'd in any thing done out of the said House, he having been in their Company all that Evening, upon which the said Mr. Baker return'd up the Stairs of the said House.

In Answer to the 6th and 7th Informations by Tho. Longford and Fran. Berry.

Jur. Die 3^o Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

John Dew.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Henry White.

The Depositions of Richard Hawkins and Joseph Young, Lieutenants in the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath, the Day and Year above said.

THese Deponents say, That on the 30th of October last, about Nine of the Clock in the Evening, Mr. John Baker, Fellow of Wadham College, (who was in Company with these Deponents,) went out of the Room in Hamilton's Coffee-House in Oxon, (where they were,) and these Deponents immediately following him down Stairs, found him talking in the Entry, with a Gentleman, whose Name these Deponents did not then know, but are since informed, that his Name is John Dew,) and the said Mr. Baker telling these Deponents what the said Mr. Dew said about the Report aforesaid, these Deponents did advise the said Mr. Baker to return with them to his Company, and stay there some time longer, for that then they could swear, He the said Mr. Baker had not been out of the said House during any time of such Disturbance, upon which the said Mr. Baker went up the Stairs to his said Company, and stay'd till past Ten of the Clock.

In Answer to the 6th and 7th Informations by Tho. Longford and Fran. Berry.

Jur. Die 3^o Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

Richard Hawkins.

Jos. Young.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Can.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Henry White.

The Depositions of William Meers, Servant to Mr. Hamilton, a Coffee-Man in Oxon, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that about Seven of the Clock in the Evening, of the Thirtieth of October last, the said Mr. Baker came to the said Coffee-House, and that about Nine of the Clock in the Evening of the said Day, he called the said Mr. Baker out of the Room aforesaid, to the aforesaid John Dew, and that when the said Mr. Baker had talk'd a little with the said John Dew, the said Mr. Baker ordered this Deponent to fetch his Cap out of the said Room, which this Deponent went to do, but some of the Company asking this Deponent, what he wanted, he told them that he wanted Mr. Baker's Cap, upon which Two or Three of the Officers run down the Stairs, before this Deponent, and immediately the said Mr. Baker went back again to his said Company, where he the said Mr. Baker staid till past Ten of the

In Answer to the 6th and 7th Informations by Tho. Longford and Fran. Berry.

the Clock. And this Deponent further saith, that he this Deponent is very sure, that the said Mr. Baker was not out of the said Coffee-House between the Hours of Seven and Ten that Evening.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

Will. Meers.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*
Richard Wife, *Mayor.*
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.

The Depositions of Major Peter D'Offranville, Captain Robert Tripp, and Captain Stephen Gillman, Mr. Thomas Hearne Fellow of Merton-College, Mr. John Russel Fellow of the same College, Mr. George Ingram Fellow of Oriell-College, and Mr. Richard Meadowcourt Fellow of Merton-College.

*Answer to
the 6th and 7th
Informations by
Tho. Longford
and Fran. Berry*

THESE Deponents say, that on the Thirtieth of October last, they were met at the Star-Inn in Oxon, in order to Celebrate his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day, at Night, and declare that they did not see Mr. John Baker Fellow of Wadham-College in Oxon aforesaid, neither in their Company, or in, or near the Star-Inn, during the time of any disturbance in the Town.

Jur. Die Anno

supr. dict. per praf.

Per. D'Offranville

Steph. Gillman.

Tho. Hearne

Georg. Ingram

John Russel &

Rich. Meadowcourt, coram nob.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wife, *Mayor.*

William Wright.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. per praf.

Robertum Tripp,

coram nobis,

Hen. White.

James Pinnell.

Peter D'Offranville!

Robert. Tripp.

Steph. Gillman!

Thomas Hearne.

Geo. Ingram.

John Russel.

The Depositions of Caleb Colton Inn-holder, and Margaret Gering his Servant, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

*Answer to
the 6th and 7th
Informations by
Tho. Longford
and Fran. Berry*

THESE Deponents say, that they waited upon the Gentlemen that had a Bonfire before the Star-Inn the Thirtieth of October last, and they did not see Mr. John Baker, Fellow of Wadham-College, in the Room where the said Gentlemen were, nor in or near the Star-Inn, during that Evening.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*

Richard Wife, *Mayor.*

Will. Wright.

Henry White.

Caleb Colton:

Margaret Gering,

Her Mark.

The Deposition of John Baker, Master of Arts and Fellow of Wadham Colledge in the University of Oxford, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December, Anno Dom. 1716, before the Justices aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, That on the thirtieth of October last past, he went from Wadham Colledge aforesaid, about the Hour of seven in the Evening to Hamilton's Coffee-House in the City of Oxford, where he had promised to meet some Gentlemen that Evening to drink his Royal Highness's Health; and being come there, this Deponent went immediately into a Room up one Pair of Stairs, where some Gentlemen were then met, in which Room this Deponent staid, and never went out of the same from the time he came in as aforesaid, until about nine of the Clock that Evening, when one John Dew of the University aforesaid, Barber, sent one William Meers a Servant of the said Coffee-House (as the said John Dew and William Meers have since informed this Deponent) to call this Deponent down into the Entry of the said Coffee-House, whither this Deponent being come, the said John Dew informed this Deponent that there was a Report about the Town, that he this Deponent was that Evening about the Streets at the Head of the Mob, breaking, or encouraging the Soldiers to break Windows; upon which this Deponent thought it his best way to be gone from the said Coffee-House, and accordingly sent up the said William Meers to fetch his Cap, but before the said William Meers could return with it to this Deponent, some of this Deponent's said Company came down to this Deponent, and hearing the Occasion of this Deponent's being about to go from the said Coffee-House, they advis'd this Deponent to return to his Company again with them, and then they could all swear that he had been at the said Coffee-House that whole Evening, and consequently could not possibly be in the Streets, or in any Disturbance there, or to that Effect; whereupon this Deponent went immediately up Stairs again into the said Room, and staid there with his said Company till after ten of the Clock that Night; and this Deponent further saith, that the time of his being with the said John Dew was about the Space of three Minutes, and that he was never out of his said Company from seven till after ten that Evening (except to meet the said John Dew as aforesaid) and that he this Deponent was never out of the said Coffee-House at any time whatsoever, between the said Hours of seven and ten that Evening, and that this Deponent was not at or near the Star-Inn, nor at or in any other Place whatsoever in Company with Major D'Offranville that Evening; nor did he, this Deponent, see the said Major D'Offranville after the firing of the whole Regiment in the Streets that Evening, when the said Major was on Horseback and giving the Word of Command.

Jur. Die 3^o Anno

sup. dict. coram nob.

Jo. Baron, Vice-Ch.

Rich. Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Hen. White.

The Depositions of Captain Stephen Gillman, of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December, 1716, before the Justices aforesaid.

THIS Deponent declares, That he was at the Star-Inn in Oxon during the whole time that the Major was there with the Constitution Club, and several of the Officers of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, in order to celebrate his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day at Night, it being the thirtieth of October last; and that this Deponent heard the aforesaid Major D'Offranville desire and beg the Soldiers not to break any Windows.

Jur. Die 3^o Anno

sup. dict. coram nob.

Rich. Wise, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Hen. White.

The Depositions of Robert Tripp, Captain in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, That on Tuesday the thirtieth of October last, it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day, between Ten and Eleven of the Night.

the Clock in the Morning he was going to the Mayor about Business, and meeting Major D'Offranville ask'd him how he did, and where he was going with his Boots on? Who replied, the Regiment was to be under Arms at two of the Clock that Afternoon, and that he was ready for that Purpose; then the said Major asked this Deponent, whether he this Deponent, did not take Notice that the Bells did not ring; this Deponent said he did, and was very much surprized at it; and that he this Deponent was then going to the Mayor, and would ask him the Reason of it; whereupon the said Major told this Deponent that he had already asked Sir Daniel Webb that Question: This Deponent further saith, That when he came to the Mayor, he this Deponent did ask him the Reason of the Bells not ringing, it being His Royal Highness's Birth-Day, and more especially he being Our Regent, and representing the King; and that therefore this Deponent thought it very reasonable the Bells should ring; Mr. Mayor reply'd, he truly knew nothing of it; and that there was a Charity Sermon preach'd that Day, and that he was just going to Church. This Deponent further saith, That he does not remember that the said Major mentioned any thing to him this Deponent, about breaking of any Windows whatsoever.

Jur. Die & Anno

sup. dict. coram nobis,

Rob. Tripp.

Hen. White.

James Pinnell.

The Depositions of John Charters, Corporal in Major D'Offranville's Company in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In answer to
the 11th and
12th Informati-
ons by John Gil-
lete and Fran-
cis Brathwaite.

THIS Deponent saith, That he being commanded by Major D'Offranville aforesaid, to order the Soldiers that were in the Streets to their Quarters, and passing by the Cross-Inn Gate, he saw a Woman with a Candle in her Hand stand at the Gate, and hearing her express these Words, viz. *Oh! you Rogues, you Rebels! Where are you going? What are you going to break all the Glass Windows?* (or Words to that Effect) whereupon this Deponent struck at the Candle, and missing it, does believe that he did hit the said Woman on her Arm.

Jur. Die & Anno

sup. dict. coram nob.

John Charters.

Rich. Wise, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Hen. White.

The Depositions of Lieutenant John Hamilton, of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In answer to
the 13th Infor-
mation, by
Stoughton
Bird.

THIS Deponent saith, That when the Bonfire was burning before the Star-Inn in Oxon, on the thirtieth of October last (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, he went out with several of the Constitution Club, and several Officers, and drank King George, the Prince and Princess, and other Loyal Healths, and returning into the Gate of the said Star-Inn, he had like to have been hit by a Stone which came from the other Side of the Street, which he supposed had been from One he saw in Mr. Hurst Ironmonger's Balcony, upon which he threw a Bottle he this Deponent had in his Hand towards him, which Bottle did no Damage, and returning a second time into the said Inn, there were more Stones flung, and soon after this Deponent was informed that there was a Mob, and Gownsmen with Swords drawn, in the Lane over-against the said Star-Inn, which going to see, he found a Mob, and drew his Sword, and one of them said he would be revenged of him, this Deponent, but this Deponent is not sure who he was that spoke, so this Deponent returned to his Company without offering any Violence to either Gownsmen, or any other Person.

Jur. Die & Anno

sup. dict. coram nob.

Jo. Hamilton.

Rich. Wise, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Hen. White.

The

The Depositions of Thomas Herne, Batchelor of Arts and Fellow of Merton Colledge in Oxon, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December, Anno Domini 1716, before the Justices aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that he was with Mr. Gilbert of Merton Colledge at the Star-Inn in Oxon on the 30th of October last, being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day, at Night, and that when this Deponent with several others went out to drink His Royal Highness's Health round the Bonfire, he the said Mr. Gilbert did refuse to go out, and the said Deponent did not see the said Mr. Gilbert at the said Bonfire, but found him, when he this Deponent came back, in the Parlour of the said Inn, and does verily believe the said Mr. Gilbert was not at the said Bonfire at all.

Jur. Die & Anno supr. dict.
coram nobis,

Jo. Baron, Vice-Ch.

Rich. Wife, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Hen. White.

Thomas Herne.

The Depositions of John Russell, Batchelor of Arts and Fellow of Merton Colledge Oxon, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that he was with Mr. Gilbert of Merton Colledge at the Star-Inn in Oxon on the 30th of October last (being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, and that he asked the said Mr. Gilbert to go out to the Bonfire to drink His Royal Highness's Health with him this Deponent and the rest of the Company, which he the said Mr. Gilbert refused to do, and did not go with him this Deponent: And this Deponent further saith, that he did not see the said Mr. Gilbert at the said Bonfire, but found him, when this Deponent came back, in the Parlour of the said Inn, and this Deponent does verily believe that the said Mr. Gilbert was not at the aforesaid Bonfire that Evening.

Jur. Die & Anno supr. dict.
coram nobis,

Jo. Baron, Vice-Ch.

Rich. Wife, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Hen. White.

John Russell.

The Depositions of John Martin, M. D. and Fellow of Merton Colledge, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that he was with Mr. Gilbert of Merton Colledge in Oxon, at the Star-Inn in Oxon aforesaid on the 30th of October last (being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, and that when several of the Company went out to drink His Royal Highness's Health round the Bonfire, he the said Mr. John Gilbert refused, and did not go out with them, but stood by this Deponent upon a Chair in the Parlour of the said Inn, looking through the Window at the Company round the said Bonfire; and when they came in the said Mr. John Gilbert did set himself down in a Chair by this Deponent at the Table, and as this Deponent verily believes was not at all out of the Room with the Gentlemen at the Bonfire.

Jur. Die & Anno supr. dict.
coram nobis,

Rich. Wife, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Hen. White.

John Martin.

The Deposition of George Ingram, Batchelor of Arts and Fellow of Oriel Colledge in Oxon, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that after the Company return'd from the Bonfire (as mentioned in the above Depositions) into the Room where the Club sat, the Windows of the said Room were twice or thrice broke by some Person from the Street;

Street; and this Deponent further saith, that when the Soldiers were breaking Hurst the Ironmonger's Windows, he this Deponent heard Major d'Offranville desire them to forbear.

*Jur. Die & Anno supr.
coram nobis.*

George Ingram.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*
Richard Wise, *Mayor.*
William Wright,
Henry White.

*The Depositions of John Gilbert, Batchelor of Arts and Fellow of
Merton College in Oxon.*

*In Answer to the
13th Information
by Stoughton
Bird.*

THIS Deponent saith, That he was at the *Star-Inn* on the 30th day of *October* in the Evening, it being the Prince Regent's Birth-Night; and that when it was propoed by the Company to go and drink His Royal Highness's Health round the Bonfire, he this Deponent refused to go out, being ask'd by several of the Company, and did not go out with them or any of them. And this Deponent further saith, That he was not at the said Bonfire at any time that Evening, unless as he passed by it to go home (which was soon after the Company returned into the Parlour from the said Bonfire:) And this Deponent further saith, That he did not drink one drop of Wine or any other Liquor at the aforesaid Bonfire; and that he was not any time in the Street with a Glass in his Hand that Evening.

*Jur. Die & Anno supr. dict.
coram nobis.*

J. Gilbert.

Jo. Baron, *Vice-Can.*
Richard Wise, *Mayor.*
William Wright,
Henry White.

*The Depositions of John Haskins of Capt. Leathes's Company in the said
Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.*

*Answer to the
13th, by
Stoughton Bird*

THIS Deponent saith, That as he was standing at the Bonfire before the *Star-Inn* in *Oxford*, on the 30th of *October* last (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day) at Night, a Boy told him there were Men with drawn Swords in the Lane over-against the said *Star-Inn*; whereupon this Deponent went up the Lane aforesaid, and saw two Men with Gowns, and one Man with a Snuff-colour'd Coat on, with Swords drawn in their Hands: Then this Deponent returned to the said Fire, and cry'd out, *There are some Gownsmen with drawn Swords in their Hands in the Lane over the Way*, which this Deponent believes was the Occasion of Lieutenant *Hamilton's* going over in order to disperse them.

*Jur. Die & Anno supr.
dict. coram nobis.*

*John A Haskins,
His Mark.*

Richard Wise, *Mayor.*
Will. Wright,
Henry White.

*The Depositions of Faustin Maggee, Corporal in Col. Leathes's Company in
the Regiment aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year above said.*

*In Answer to the
14th Informa-
tion by Elenor
Brudnell.*

THIS Deponent saith, That being sent (as several other Corporals were) on the 30th of *October* last (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day) at Night by Major d'Offranville, to call in all the Soldiers that were in the Streets, and was returning home, and passing by the Sign of the *Bell*, the Landlady of the House standing at the Door, ask'd this Deponent and the other Soldiers that were with him, *What they meant?* but before any Reply was made her, she call'd this Deponent a Rogue and a Rascal; whereupon he called her Whore (or Words to that effect:) With that her Husband came out with a great Stick in his Hand and struck him this Deponent on the side of the Head that he had like to fall down, after which the said Husband retreated, but as soon as this Deponent recovered himself, he made a Stroak at the Man, who getting out of this Deponent's Reach does believe the same did light on his Wife, as she was standing at the Door scolding and calling abundance of ill Names: And this Deponent further saith, that he never mentioned to her or any other Person whatsoever, that he had received Orders from the Major for breaking of Windows, but on the contrary he this Deponent was then by the

the said Major's express Orders, suppressing the Disorders, and ordering the Soldiers to their Quarters.

Jur. Die & Anno supr.

dict. coram nobis,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Henry White.

Pass. Magge.

The Depositions of John Haskins, of Captain William Leathes's Company in the aforesaid Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that he was passing by the Bell abovementioned, when the Landlord of the said House struck the above Corporal Magge on the Head, that he the said Corporal had like to have fallen down with the force of the blow, which this Deponent seeing, seiz'd the said Landlord by the Breast, and pushed him into the Gate-way going into his House, but this Deponent saith, he did not hear the said Corporal Magge mention the Major's Name on any Account whatsoever.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. coram nobis,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Henry White.

John Haskins.

His X Mark.

The Depositions of Edward Manns, of Captain Leathes's Company in the Regiment aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that he saw one, whom he heard was the Landlord at the Bell, strike Corporal Magge above-named, and was standing at the Gateway, going into the Bell aforesaid, and the said Landlord, as he was going into his House, struck this Deponent with all his might, betwixt the Shoulders, which made this Deponent stagger, and that without any Provocation whatsoever, and then the said Landlord look'd himself in.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. coram nobis,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Hen. White.

Edward Manns.

His G Mark.

The Depositions of Thomas Weblin, of Major D'Offranville's Company, in the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, that on the Thirtieth of October last, about the Hour of Nine in the Evening, as he was going to his Quarters, he met a croud of People in the Street, one of whom told him this Deponent, that if he had a prong of Two Foot long he would run this Deponent through with it, whereupon this Deponent struck at him with his stick, but could not reach him, and this Deponent further says, that he was in a very violent manner attack'd by a Man in the Street with several strokes without any provocation, whereupon this Deponent was, in his own defence, obliged to draw his Sword, but did not do any Mischief whatsoever with the same.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dict. coram nobis,

Richard Wise, Mayor.

Will. Wright.

Henry White.

Thomas Weblin.

His G Mark.

WHereas Edward Cozens Deposes in the Fifteenth Information, that he standing at his Mother's Door saw Soldiers with a Corporal at their Head breaking Windows, &c. It being laid against no particular Person, Major D'Offranville does not think himself answerable for the Soldiers in general, and it being sufficiently

*The 9th
15th and 17th
answered by
Edw. Cozens,
Tho. Nicholas,
Will. Turner.*

proved, that they had received no Orders from him for so doing, the said Major thinks the same sufficiently answered on his part.

1716 Information answered, by William Turner.

And as to the Seventeenth Information by William Turner, wherein the said Major is accused for telling another Gentleman, that if they did not put up Candles another such Night, they should break the Windows again. In answer thereunto the said Major declares, he does not remember any such discourse with any Gentleman, and the Gentleman not being nominated, can give no other Proof against the same.

The Depositions of John Hamilton, Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In Answer to the 18th and 19th Articles by Croft and Winslow.

THIS Deponent saith, that he was with Major D'Offranville, the whole time he was at the Bonfire before the Star Inn in Owen, on the Thirtieth of October last, (it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day) at Night, and never heard him bid the Soldiers to pull down any House, or give any Orders for breaking of Windows, only said he would not suffer any Jacobite at the said Bonfire.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dist. coram nobis,
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

John Hamilton.

The Depositions of Major Peter D'Offranville, George Ingram, Richard Meadowcourt, Thomas Hearne, Lieutenant John Hamilton, Lieutenant Robert Pearson, and Captain Stephen Gillman, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In Answer to the 21st Information by John Bell.

THESE Deponents declare, that as soon as Major D'Offranville, and the rest of the Gentlemen, came into the Room from drinking His Majesty's and several other Loyal Healths, round the Bonfire that was made before the Star Inn in Owen on the Thirtieth of October last, (it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day) at Night, that the Windows of the said Room were broke by several Stones, Bricks or some such things that were flung by People in the Street at the aforesaid Windows.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dist. coram nobis,
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

*Peter D'Offranville.
George Ingram.
John Hamilton.
Richard Meadowcourt.
Robert Pearson.
Thomas Hearne.
Stephen Gillman.*

The Depositions of Lieutenant Robert Pearson, of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In Answer to the 21st Information by John Bell.

THIS Deponent declares, that being in Company all the time (with Major D'Offranville, and the Constitution Club at the Star Inn in Owen on the Thirtieth of October last) in order to celebrate his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day, at Night, that upon the Windows of the said Inn being a second time broke with Stones, Brick-batts or some such like things from People abroad, he this Deponent went out to make a discovery of the Person that broke them, and upon Enquiry a Man that stood in the Street near the Gate of the aforesaid Inn, told this Deponent, that if he would look up in the Leads of the Ironmonger's House he would see the Person that broke the Windows of the Room that the Company was in. He this Deponent further declares that he was in Company with the said Major as aforesaid, and did not hear the Major or any other Person to give any Orders whatsoever for breaking of Windows.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dist. coram nobis,
Richard Wise, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Henry White.*

Robert Pearson.

The

The several Depositions of Corporal Thomas Shapcott, Daniel Ayres, John Kane, and Thomas Burk, Centinels; all of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath, the Day and Year aforesaid.

T Hese Deponents declare, That being Ordered as Patrolls from the Main Guard, in order to quash all Disturbances in the Streets on the Thirtieth of October last at Night, and seeing a vast Crowd of People coming towards them, they Challenged, and were answered out of the Crowd, *What's that to you, Pop off,* (or Words to that Effect) with that, this Deponent *Thomas Burk* told them it was not a fit Answer to give a Patroll upon their Duty, and that if he knew who gave him this Answer, he would make him know better; whereupon three Persons belonging to them seized this Deponent *Burk's* Firelock, which the said *Burk* finding, disengaged himself with some Difficulty, and fired his Piece, and so did the Deponent *Ayres*, (but they were loaden with Powder only,) and one *Tho. Williams* who was upon the same Patroll; and as soon as these Deponents and the said *Williams* had fired, some of them cry'd, *What will you fire upon the Mayor and the Corporation?* (or Words to that Effect,) whereupon these Deponents or some of them reply'd, they could not tell by their Answer who they were: And soon after this Deponent *Shapcott* went up to the Mayor, as did also the Deponent *John Kane*, and shew'd Mr. Mayor they had not fired, and told him, That he this Deponent *Shapcott* had received Orders to disperse all Mobs, and that the Croud that attended him appear'd as such, especially by their Answers, when challenged by a Patroll that were upon their Duty, (or Words to that purpose,) and this Deponent further saith, that being with Mr. Mayor and the Mace bearer as aforesaid, talk'd with them both, some Minutes after the Shots were fired, but heard nothing then of the said Mace-bearer's Hat being shot, neither did this Deponent hear any thing of it until next Day.

In Answer to the 19th 22d and 23d Informations by Christ. Elling John Westley and John Lucas.

Jur. Die 8^{to} Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.

Thomas Shapcott,

Daniel Ayres,

John Kane,

His Mark,

Thomas Burk,

His Mark.

The Depositions of John Stockley of Colonel Leathers's Company, in the Regiment aforesaid, taken upon Oath, the Day and Year aforesaid.

T His Deponent says, That he was at the Bonfire by the *Starr-Inn* on the 30th of October last, it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day, at Night, all the time the said Fire was burning, but never heard Major *D'O'franville* give any Orders for breaking of Windows, or pulling down any House whatsoever: And this Deponent further saith, that he, this Deponent did not see the said Major draw, or offer to draw his Sword all the time the said Major was at the said Fire.

In Answer to the 24th and 25th Informations by John Crozier, and John Pavier.

Jur. Die 8^{to} Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.

John Stockley.

The Depositions of Thomas Shapcott, Corporal in Major D'O'franville's Company in the said Regiment, the Day and Year aforesaid.

T His Deponent says, That he did not knock down *John Pavier*, or any other Person on the 30th of October last, but saith, that being on the Patroll, he was attack'd in the Street by a Man who seiz'd his Stick, which this Deponent recovering, made a Stroke at the Person, but could not reach him.

In Answer to the 25th Information by John Pavier.

Jur. Die 8^{to} Anno

supr. dict. coram nob.

Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.

Tho. Shapcott.

The Depositions of Lieutenant Richard Hawkins of the aforesaid Regiment taken upon Oath, the Day and Tear aforesaid.

In answer to
the 16th Infor-
mation by John
Ives.

THis Deponent saith, That going the next Morning after his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day, it being the 31st of October last, towards the Parade, in order to see the Guard Mount, he met Major D'Offranville in the Corn-Market, but cannot remember that the said Major with'd Mr. Hurst's House was pull'd down, nor any Words to that Effect.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dist. coram nob.

Richard Hawkins.

Rich. Wife, Mayor.

William Wright.

Henry White.

The Depositions of Major Peter D'Offranville, of the aforesaid Regiment, taken upon Oath, the Day and Tear aforesaid.

Answer to the
16th Informa-
tion by John
Ives.

THis Deponent saith, That he met Lieutenant Hawkins in the Corn-Market (as by Lieutenant Hawkins's Depositions) but had no Discourse with him about Mr. Hurst's House, nor the Business of the Day before.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dist. coram nob.

Peter D'Offranville.

Rich. Wife, Mayor.

William Wright.

Henry White.

The Depositions of Major Peter D'Offranville, of the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath, the Day and Tear aforesaid.

In Answer to
the 17th, 18th,
19th and 20th
Informations by
Hen. Silvester
Daniel Webb,
Rich. Colton,
Nath. Stork,
Tho. Harris.

THis Deponent saith, That about Ten or Eleven of the Clock in the Morning the 30th of October last, it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-day, meeting with Sir Daniel Webb, ask'd him what was become of their Bells? to which Sir Daniel answer'd, he did not know, (as is mention'd in this Deponent's Letter to the Government.) This Deponent told him the said Sir Daniel, that he wonder'd at the Disaffection of the People of the Town, that was govern'd by the Heads of the Colleges, who were most of them disaffected to the Government, and had no Regard to the Prince's Birth-day, and told the said Sir Daniel, that they deserv'd to have their Windows broke for such their Disloyalty, and then parted. And this Deponent further saith, that immediately after he parted with Sir Daniel, he this Deponent met Captain Robert Tripp, who asked him this Deponent where he was going with his Boots on, This Deponent reply'd, the Regiment is to be under Arms this Afternoon at Two of the Clock, and that he had got himself ready for that purpose. And then this Deponent ask'd the said Captain Tripp whether he had observ'd that there was not one Bell rung, he said he had, then the Captain walk'd off, and this Deponent went to Hamilton's Coffee-House, where he saw two Collegians sitting by the Fire, to whom this Deponent mention'd that their not ringing their Bells proceeded from the Disloyalty of the Heads of their Colleges, and that they deserv'd to have their Windows broke, but did not say that either he himself would break their Windows, or that he would send Soldiers at Night to break them, neither was there any College Windows broke that Night to the best of this Deponent's Knowledge or Information, and this Deponent further saith, that there was never a Collegian beaten or abused by him this Deponent, nor to the best of his knowledge by any other Officer or Soldier of the Regiment that Night.

Jur. Die & Anno

supr. dist. coram nob.

Peter D'Offranville.

Richard Wife, Mayor.

William Wright.

Henry White.

The further Depositions of Major Peter D'Offranville of the said Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Tear aforesaid.

Answer to the
31st Informa-
tion by William
Smith.

THis Deponent saith, That going out of the Star-Inn-Gate, the 30th of October last at Night, to suppress the Disorders in the Street, he saw a Crowd of People at the Door, and desired Lieutenant Hamilton and some of the Soldiers to drive

drive away all the *Jacobites*, which they did; when *Matthew Wisdom* a Cutler, who was among the Crowd, said, *Pray let me stay, for I am an honest Man, and was so in the worst of Times*, whereupon this Deponent made him drink two or three Glasses, His Majesty's Health, &c. and then asked him if there were many such in Town, he answer'd, there was a few of them, and pointing towards Mr. *Cass* a Mercer, said, *That's a Man that suffer'd much in the bad Times*; and then towards a Barber's Shop the Lower End of the same Street said, *that's another*.

N. B. The
the 31st Infor-
mation is refer-
red to Captain
Trip and Gill-
man's Answer
to the first Ar-
ticle.

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

Peter D'Offranville.

Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Henry White.

Note, the 32d Information by Corporal Thomas Shipcott of the Royal Regiment of Ireland, is referr'd to its self.

The Depositions of Captain Stephen Gillman and Lieutenant John Hamilton, both of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THESE Deponents say, That they were in the Room at the *Star-Inn* in *Oxford*, on the thirtieth of *October* last, (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, with Major *D'Offranville* and the Constitution Club, when a Servant of the House came in and told the said Major, that Mr. Mayor and the Officers of the Corporation was at the Door and desired to speak with him, whereupon the Major, being attended by this Deponent *Gillman*, and Lieutenant *Scott*, went out to wait on the Corporation: After some Compliments pass'd between them, Mr. Mayor desired the aforesaid Major to assist him, and give Orders to prevent the Soldiers breaking of Windows and committing Violence on the Town: These Deponents declare, That the said Major assur'd him he was very sorry for the Accidents that had happened, and that he had and would do all he could to disperse them; at which time a prodigious Mob, who attended the Mayor and Sir *Daniel Webb*, were forcing into the Gate of the said Inn, as if they design'd to attack the House; whereupon the Major, these Deponents and Lieutenant *Scott*, desir'd that Mr. Mayor with his Officers would disperse the prodigious Mob, that was forcing into the House, or give them Leave to do it; whereupon they dispers'd; after which the Major, Lieutenant *Scott*, and these Deponents offered their Service to Mr. Mayor, in order to wait on him home, for fear any Accident should happen to him.

In answer to
the 33d Infor-
mation, by Ri-
chard Wise, Esq
Mayor.

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

*Steph. Gillman.
John Hamilton.*

Richard Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.

The Depositions of Lieutenant John Hamilton of the Royal Regiment of Ireland aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Deponent saith, That he was at the *Star-Inn* in *Oxford*, on the thirtieth Day of *October* last, (it being His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day) at Night, when some Disturbance happen'd in the Street, which occasion'd Major *D'Offranville* to send this Deponent to the main Guard with Orders to the Officer to send Patrolls immediately to suppress all Disturbances by Soldiers or others; and that this Deponent met several People together, whom he desired to disperse and go home, and not assemble as Rioters, for the Patrolls were coming; whereupon one *Richard Matthews* Innholder (as this Deponent is since inform'd) told this Deponent, they would not be dispersed by People they maintainted, on which this Deponent asked him if he maintainted him this Deponent? the said *Matthews* reply'd, *he did*, with several other disrespectful Words.

In answer to
the 33d Infor-
mation, by Ri-
chard Wise, Esq
Mayor.

N. B. The
said Matthews
is now under
Bail for trea-
sonable Words
against the Go-
vernment.

*Jurat Die 3^o Anno
supr. dict. coram nobis,*

John Hamilton.

Rich. Wise, Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.

*The Depositions of Ensign James Foster of the Royal Regiment of Ireland
aforesaid, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.*

In answer to the
33d and 34th
by Rich. Wise,
Esq. and John
Moulden.

THIS Deponent saith, that he commanded the main Guard in Oxon, the Night between the thirtieth and one and thirtieth of October last, and that Lieutenant Hamilton brought him this Deponent Orders from Major D'Offranville to send out Patrolls to suppress all Disorders in the Town; and accordingly this Deponent immediately sent out three Patrolls, who took their several Streets, and brought in their Reports to this Deponent; and particularly Corporal Shapcott, who commanded one of the Patrolls, reported, that meeting with a great Crowd (where he found afterwards the Mayor was) they challeng'd them, and being answered in a morose and unusual Manner, some of the Men fired, but without any Orders from him the said Corporal. And this Deponent further saith, that Mr. Mayor did come to the Guard to this Deponent, and desired his Assistance in quelling the Soldiers; this Deponent told him, he would do all that lay in his this Deponent's Power, and sent out Patrolls for that Purpose, and withal this Deponent desir'd Mr. Mayor to take Care of the Towns-People, and he this Deponent would take Care of the Soldiers; some Time after Mr. Vice-Chancellor came to this Deponent and desired his Assistance likewise, which this Deponent immediately condescended to, and told him the said Vice-Chancellor, viz. It is a Sign what Value you have for the Prince, that you will not suffer a Bell to ring on his Birth-day, and therefore pray take Care of your Scholars, and we shall take Care of our Soldiers, (or Words to that Effect.)

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. coram nobis,*

James Foster.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Hen. White.

The Depositions of Serjeant John Richey, John Charters and Tho. Shapcott, Corporals, all of Major Peter D'Offranville's Company in the aforesaid Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

In answer to
the 35th Infor-
mation by Ri-
chard Browne
and William
Parker.

THESE Deponents say, That drinking at William Parker's at the Bell in Oxford, on the thirtieth of November last, these Deponents, or one of them, told him the said Parker, that he was one of them that swore against the Major, and further asked him where he stood; he replied, at his own Door (which is about forty or fifty Yards from the Star-Inn) then these Deponents, or some of them asked him how he knew the Major at that Distance, he said he knew him by his Voice; then this Deponent Richey told the said Parker, that he knew the Major these four or five and twenty Years; and that he the said Richey could not swear to the Major's Voice at that Distance, especially when there was so much Noise of Huzzas round the Bonfires, as was then, and this Deponent Richey told the said Parker that he really believ'd him forsworn; then the said Parker reply'd in these Words, viz. I had not sworn against the Major if it had not been for a fly old Dog that forced me to it.

*Jur. Die & Anno
supr. dict. coram nob.*

*John Richey,
John Charters.*

Tho. Shapcott.

Richard Wise, Mayor.

William Wright.

Hen. White.

The Information of Richard Schroder Serjeant of Grenadiers, and James Connor a Grenadier in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December, Anno Dom. 1716. before the Justices aforesaid.

THESE Informants say, That being next Door to the Star-Inn in Oxon, on the thirtieth of October last, when there was a Bonfire before the said Star-Inn, they heard an Apprentice belonging to Mr. Benfield a Barber in the same Street (who seeing some Soldiers throw Stones at an Ironmonger's House) say, For all you are King George's Men, I hope to see you all hang'd, and turning about saw these Informants standing by him, and ran away; then these Informants pursued him to his said Master's House, who being at the Door asked these Informants what the Matter was; then this Informant Schroder told him, that that Fellow had spoken disrespectfully

spectfully of the Government; the said *Bensfield* reply'd, *He is my Servant, and I will answer for him*; whereupon these Informants left him.

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
sup. dict. coram nob.*

*Richard Schroder.
James Spenser.*

*Richard Wife, Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of William Viner of Captain John Blakeney's Company in the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland, Commanded by the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne, taken upon Oath the 6th Day of December, Anno Dom. 1716, before the Justices aforesaid.

THIS Informant declares, That the thirtieth of October last, it being his Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Birth-Day, at Night, he saw one *Henry Tracey* (an Apprentice then to Mr. *Alexander Drus* a Taylor since deceased) break the Windows of one Mr. *Broadstock* a Printer in *Magdalen Parish in Oxon* (whose Windows were illuminated) with Stones or Bricks, or some such Things.

N. B. Mr. Broadstock is a very honest quiet Man.

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
sup. dict. coram nob.*

*William Viner.
His + Mark.*

*Richard Wife, Mayor.
William Wright.
Hen. White.*

The Information of Thomas Walker, Centinel in the Honourable Brigadier General Robert Stearne's Company in the aforesaid Regiment, taken upon Oath the Day and Year aforesaid.

THIS Informant saith, that *Thomas Webb*, Son to *Sir Daniel Webb*, coming to *Stump-Hall in Oxon* (where this Informant quarters) on the first of November last, and being asked by some Company that were in the House what News? reply'd, The Recorder has got the Names of fifty odd Soldiers that were in the Riot the other Night, and to Morrow the Mace-bearer is to go and demand them from the Colonel, and if the Colonel should refuse the Delivery of them, the Recorder has promis'd to raise the Militia, and take them by Force; and in Case the Militia should not be able to do it, the said *Webb* did believe that the Town had as many good Arms and as many good Boys to bear them as would do it, (or Words to that Effect).

*Jur. Die 3^o Anno
sup. dict. cor. nob.*

*Thomas Walker.
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*Rich. Wife, Mayor.
Will. Wright.
Hen. White.*

THE Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Mayor of the Town of *Oxford*, in their Letter of the 4th of November, 1716, sent up to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount *Townshend*, then one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, Copies of Informations relating to a Riot which had then lately happened at *Oxford*; which said Informations appeared very soon after in Print.

The Lords of the Committee in a little time after took into Consideration both the said Informations and the Affidavits which were made in behalf of the Officers and Soldiers; and observing that the latter were Originals, and that the former were only Copies, Mr. Secretary *Mashburn* wrote, by his Royal Highness the Prince's Order, both to the Vice-Chancellor and to the Mayor of *Oxford*, to send up the Originals of those Informations.

Upon the Receipt of the said Original Informations from the Vice-Chancellor and the Mayor, the Lords of the Committee of Council took again into Consideration what was represented upon Oath, both on the Part of the University and Town of *Oxford*, and on the behalf of the Officers and Soldiers, and others concerned in the said Disturbances; and upon the whole their Lordships, on the 31st of December last, made the following Report to his Royal Highness.

Cook-pit.

Cockpit, December 31. 1716.

THE Depositions on the Part of the Complainants, relating to the Disturbances that hapned at *Oxford* on the Prince's Birth-day, and the Depositions on the Part of the Officers and Soldiers and others concerned with them, having all been read, the Lords of the Committee are of Opinion, that the Heads of the University and Mayor of the City neglected to make any publick Rejoicings on the Prince's Birth-day: But some of the Collegiates with the Officers being met to celebrate the said Day, the House where they were was assaulted, and the Windows were broken by the Rabble, which was the Beginning and Occasion of the Riots that ensued, as well from the Soldiers as the Scholars and Townsmen, and that the Conduct of the Major seems well justify'd by the Affidavits produced on his Part.

Die Mercurii 3 Aprilis, 1717.

UPON Report from the Committee of the whole House to whom it was refer'd to consider of the Papers laid before the House relating to the Riots at *Oxford*, pursuant to their Lordships Address to His Majesty for that Purpose, the two following Resolutions were agreed to by the House, viz.

Resolved, That the Lords of the Committee of Council to whom the Papers relating to the Riots at *Oxford* were refer'd, had sufficient Grounds to come to the Resolution reported to His Royal Highness the Prince, viz. That the Heads of the University and Mayor of the City neglected to make any publick Rejoicings on the Prince's Birth-day; but some of the Collegiates with the Officers being met to celebrate the said Day, the House where they were was assaulted, and the Windows were broken by the Rabble, which was the Beginning and Occasion of the Riots that ensued, as well from the Soldiers as the Scholars and Townsmen, and that the Conduct of the Major seems well justified by the Affidavits produced on his Part.

Resolved, That the Printing and Publishing the Depositions upon which the Complaints relating to the Riots at *Oxford* were founded, while that Matter was under the Examination of the Lords of the Committee of Council, and before they had Time to come to any Resolution touching the same, was Irregular, Disrespectful to His Royal Highness the Prince, and tending to Sedition.

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